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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (VETTER, EDWARD O.)

SUBJECT: USIRJC

REFS: (A) TEHRAN 7651, (B) STATE 187208

1. EMBASSY BELIEVES REFTTEL A RESPONDS TO MOST QUESTIONS  
RAISED REFTTEL B. NEVERTHELESS, COMPLETE ITINERARY FOR  
VETTER WILL BE REPEATED HEREIN. EMBASSY PLANS OVER-  
ALL CONTROL OFFICER FOR EACH USIRJC COMMITTEE AND  
INDIVIDUAL CONTROL OFFICER FOR EACH DELEGATE. CONTROL  
OFFICER FOR ECONOMY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE IS ROGER C.  
BREWIN. ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR. INDIVIDUAL  
CONTROL OFFICERS FOR VETTER PARTY ARE:  
EDWARD O. VETTER - ROGER C. BREWIN  
JAMES A. GOYETTE - ROGER C. BREWIN  
SUSAN BLACKMAN - MATTHEW P. WARD

2. ITINERARY:

AUGUST 3

1850 ARRIVAL MEHRABAD AIRPORT, TEHRAN, PAN AM 2.  
PARTY WILL BE MET BY BREWIN AND WARD AND  
ACCOMPANIED TO INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL.  
(SUITE RESERVED FOR VETTER, SINGLE ROOM FOR  
GOYETTE.)

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AUGUST 4

MORNING INITIAL PLENARY SESSION OF ECONOMY AND  
FINANCE COMMITTEE AT MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC  
AFFAIRS AND FINANCE

NOON-1430 LUNCHEON WITH BOARD OF GOVERNORS, IRAN-AMERICAN  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

1500-1700 FINAL SESSION ECONOMIC AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

BETWEEN EMBASSY ATTEMPTING ARRANGE APPOINTMENT WITH

1700-1830 BARKHORDAR

1930-2100 RECEPTION/DINNER HOSTED BY IRANIAN CO-CHAIRMAN  
H.E. DR. JALIL SHORAKA

AUGUST 5 IRANIAN POLITICAL HOLIDAY, CONSTITUTION DAY.  
ALL IRANIAN OFFICIALS OF ANY IMPORTANCE WILL  
BE INVOLVED IN OFFICIAL CEREMONIES AND  
UNAVAILABLE FOR APPOINTMENTS. DCM WILL HOST  
INFORMAL SWIM-LUNCHEON FOR ALL AMERICAN  
DELEGATES TO USIRJC COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

AUGUST 6 FRIDAY IS MUSLIM SABBATH. ALL GOVERNMENT  
OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED AND OFFICIALS  
UNAVAILABLE.

EVENING RECEPTION/DINNER HOSTED BY MINISTER OF ECONOMIC  
AFFAIRS AND FINANCE HOUSHANG ANSARY

AUGUST 7

MORNING OPENING PLENARY SESSION OF JOINT COMMISSION  
CHAired BY ANSARY AND KISSINGER.

1300 AMBASSADOR WILL HOST LUNCHEON  
FOR IRANIAN AND AMERICAN CO-CHAIRMEN OF  
JOINT COMMISSION COMMITTEES.

AUGUST 7(CONTINUED)

AFTERNOON EXPECTED TO BE FREE BUT UNDER SECRETARY  
SHOULD BE AVAILABLE IF EXTENDED TALKS  
REQUIRED.

EVENING MINISTER ANSARY WILL HOST PRIVATE DINNER  
FOR SECRETARY AND MRS. KISSINGER. GUEST  
LIST IS NOT KNOWN. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS  
VETTER BE AVAILABLE.

AUGUST 8 TRAVEL TO ISFAHAN PER PARA 5, REFTTEL B.  
TOUR GUIDE HAS BEEN ARRANGED THROUGH  
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IRAN TRAVEL COMPANY. BREWIN PREPARED  
TO ACCOMPANY IF NECESSARY.

AUGUST 9 DEPART TEHRAN.  
BREWIN AND WARD WILL ACCOMPANY TO AIRPORT.

3. ALL MEETINGS FOR ECONOMIC AND FINANCE COMMITTEE  
WILL BE HELD IN MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND FINANCE.

LOCATION OF AUGUST 7 MEETINGS NOT YET KNOWN. EMBASSY  
WILL INFORM WASHINGTON AS SOON AS INFORMATION AVAILABLE.

4. REGARDING UNDER SECRETARY VETTER'S DESIRE TO RAISE  
MATTER OF TEHRAN TRADE CENTER OPERATIONS WITH ANSARY,  
EMBASSY SEES THIS SUBJECT AS FALLING INTO TWO MAIN AREAS:

(A) DIPLOMATIC STATUS OF TRADE CENTER  
AND ITS DIRECTOR.

(B) CUSTOMS DIFFICULTIES.

5. RE A, EMBASSY BELIEVES IT IS NOT NECESSARY TO RAISE  
SUBJECT OF TRADE CENTER'S STATUS AT THIS TIME SINCE WE  
HAVE SOME REASON TO BELIEVE THAT GOI MAY HAVE DECIDED NOT  
TO PRESS THE MATTER FOR THE TIME BEING. THIS MAY BE  
RELATED TO ITS OWN PLANS TO OPEN A TRADE CENTER IN  
NEW YORK IN SEPTEMBER HEADED BY MINISTRY OF ECONOMY  
OFFICIAL HAVING TITLE OF COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR.  
LATTER HAS TOLD EMBASSY THAT CENTER WILL BE  
OPERATING "UNDER UMBRELLA OF IRANIAN EMBASSY."  
IT STRIKES US AS DOUBTFUL THAT GOI WOULD PRESS  
TO STRIP TRADE CENTER AND DIRECTOR OF THE VERY  
STATUS WHICH IRAN WILL ASK FOR ITS OWN FACILITY  
AND PERSONNEL IN U.S. EMBASSY PLANS TO ROUTINELY  
INFORM MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF ARRIVAL OF  
NEW TRADE CENTER DIRECTOR RYNO, NOTING THAT HE  
HAS ATTACHE TITLE. ASSUMING MFA'S ROUTINE  
ACCEPTANCE OF NORMAL ACCREDITATION REQUEST, MATTER  
OF TRADE CENTER'S STATUS SHOULD BE LOAD TO REST.  
SEE BREWIN-NAAS LETTER, JULY 22.

6. RE B, CUSTOMS DIFFICULTIES EMBRACES THREE  
SPECIFIC ISSUES:(1) OUR WISH THAT U.S. EXHIBITORS  
SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO SELL EXHIBITS TO NEWLY-FOUND AGENTS  
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WITHOUT NEED FIRST TO EXPORT EXHIBIT FROM IRAN;(2) OUR  
DESIRE THAT EXHIBITS ON ARRIVAL MOVE DIRECTLY FROM  
PAN AM TO TRADE CENTER, THUS MAKING TRADE CENTER IN  
EFFECT A QUASI-BONDED WAREHOUSE;(3) ABOLITION OF  
6 PERCENT DUTY ON CATALOGS. NOTE: BRUSSELS CONVENTION TO  
WHICH IRAN SIGNATORY PROVIDES FOR DUTY-FREE ENTRY  
SUCH MATERIAL. WE HAVE ALREADY BEGUN ACTION ON  
(1) ABOVE AND RECOMMEND THAT UNDER SECRETARY VETTER  
RAISE ALL THREE POINTS WITH CO-CHAIRMAN SHORAKA AND  
IF OPPORTUNITY ARISES IN LATTER CASE. COMMERCE  
OFFICIALS HAVE ADDITIONAL DETAILS ON CURRENT  
SITUATION IN THIS RESPECT AND WHAT WE SEEK.

7. TRADE CENTER WILL OPEN MORNING OF AUGUST 5  
FOR SPECIAL VISIT OF UNDER SECRETARY VETTER.

8. AMBASSDOR WILL BE GLAD TO MEET WITH  
UNDER SECRETARY VETTER AT CONVENIENT TIME DURING  
VISIT.  
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